

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-19 (canceled)

20 (new). A mould for a culinary preparation, comprising:

- a flexible hollow piece made from an elastomer material having an upright side wall, the upper edge of which forms an opening and the lower part of which is connected to the periphery of a ring of material,

- and a plate-shaped base stiffener stuck to the lower part of the hollow piece for defining a base for the mould, wherein, internally, in the lower part of its side wall, the hollow piece has at least one protruding lip extending above said ring of material, for defining a groove in which the plate-shaped base stiffener is received in place.

21. (new) The mould of claim 20, wherein the groove in which said plate-shaped base stiffener is inserted is facing the inside of the base.

22. (new) The mould of claim 20, wherein said ring of material is integral with the upright side wall made from said elastomer material and occupies between  $1/5$  and  $4/5$  of the total surface area of the base of the hollow piece.

23. (new) The mould of claim 20, wherein said ring of material is integral with the upright side wall made from said

elastomer material and occupies between 1/3 and 2/3 of the total surface area of the base of the hollow piece.

24.(new) The mould of claim 20, wherein the plate-shaped base stiffener has a flat periphery where it is secured by molding to said groove of the hollow piece.

25.(new) The mould of claim 20, wherein the plate-shaped base stiffener is solid and removable from the groove.

26.(new) The mould of claim 20, wherein said ring of material defines a bottom wall (35b1) for the hollow piece and said bottom wall displays variations in thickness.

27.(new) The mould of claim 26, wherein:

- said bottom wall (35b1) has externally a substantially flat surface and internally a surface (352) presenting a shouldering (353) making it thicker in the periphery than in a central part, and
- said plate-shaped base stiffener, positioned inside the hollow piece, approximately follows said internal surface of the bottom wall on which it is disposed, so that the plate-shaped base stiffener has two opposed curvilinear surfaces.

28.(new) The mould of claim 20, wherein said plate-shaped base stiffener is elevated at its periphery, where it is removably received in said groove.

29.(new) The mould of claim 20, wherein the flexible hollow piece is made from silicone, and comprises an upper rim extending around the opening at said upper edge of the upright side wall.

30.(new) A mould for a culinary preparation, comprising:

- a flexible hollow piece made from an elastomer material and having an upright side wall, the upper edge of which forms an opening and the lower part of which is provided with an internal groove,
- and a plate-shaped base having a periphery adapted to be received in said groove, for defining a bottom for the flexible hollow piece.

31.(new) The mould of claim 30, wherein the plate-shaped base is solid and removable from the groove.

32.(new) The mould of claim 30, wherein the flexible hollow piece is made into one piece of silicone, and said upright side wall is integral with an upper rim extending around the opening at said upper edge of the upright side wall.

33.(new) The mould of claim 32, wherein the upper rim is provided with at least one stiffener extending round the opening.

34.(new) The mould of claim 32, wherein the upper rim is provided with at least one stiffener located at the periphery of said upper rim.

35.(new) The mould of claim 32, wherein the upper rim is provided with at least one stiffener located in an excrescence of the rim.

36.(new) The mould of claim 32, wherein the upper rim is annular and provided with a peripherally located stiffener having a ring shape.

37.(new) The mould of claim 30, wherein said plate-shaped base is elevated at its periphery, where it is removably received in said groove.